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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants	:	Gérald DELGORGUE et al.	)	
			)	Group Art Unit 3728
Appln. No.	:	10/023,987	)	
			)	Examiner Marie D. Patterson
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**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**  
**TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 21, 2003**

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Sir:

In reply to the Office action dated May 21, 2003, please enter the following amendments.

The amendments include those being made to the specification (see pages 2 and 3 of this reply) and those being made to the claims (see pages 4-12 of this reply).

Upon entry of the amendment, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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